Amendments to the Specification

On page 21 of the specification, please replace the paragraph that begins at the top of the page with the following:

Electronic-Database Information

Accession numbers and URLs for data presented herein are as follows:

Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man (OMIM), <u>found on the world wide web at ncbi.nlm.gov</u> <u>http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Omim</u> (for KLOTHO [MIM 604824]).